

# Quality of Life Council Committee

## Meeting Record

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**Meeting Date:** 8-11-2009

**Convened:** 12:05 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 2:02 p.m.

Pauline Medrano, Chair  
Vonciel Jones Hill, Vice Chair  
Sheffie Kadane  
Steve Salazar  
Angela Hunt  
Carolyn R. Davis

**Absent:**

David Neumann

**Briefing Presenters:**

-Willis Winters & Michael Hellman, Park & Recreation Department  
-Troy Thorn & Lori Chance, Convention & Event Services Department  
-James Childers, Code Compliance Department,

**Staff Present:**

Forest Turner, Lisa Christopherson, Sally Rodriguez, Joey Zapata, Jimmy Martin, Brittany Burrell, Jared White, Denzel Walker (Summer Intern)

**AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of June 8, 2009 minutes**

**Presenter(s):**

**Information Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion to approve the June 8, 2009 minutes.

Motion made by: Vonciel Jones Hill

Item passed unanimously: \_\_X\_\_

Item failed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion seconded by: Steve Salazar

Item passed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Dallas Trail Network Plan Update**

**Presenter(s):** Willis Winters & Michael Hellman

**Information Only:** \_\_X\_\_

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The first Park and Recreation Department's Trail Network Master Plan was adopted in March 2005. Since the adoption, trail projects include: the 2003 Bond Program nearing completion, 2006 Bond Program being implemented, new trail corridors have been identified and the Trail Network Master Plan was updated in 2008.

The Trail Network Master Plan Update reflects the City's current trail status, adds new trail corridors that have been identified, adds more detailed information on some existing trails, adds trail etiquette information, adds a "coming soon" section, and adds 911 marker information. Trail classifications in the Master Plan are Major Trails, Neighborhood Trails, Major Linear Trails, Major Loop Trails, Major Nature Trails, Neighborhood Park Trails and Trail Rights-of-Ways.

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The 2003 and 2006 Bond Program Trail Funding allocated \$31million for rights-of-way acquisitions, matching funds, site amenities, trail construction, trail reconstruction and trail planning as well as 18 additional miles of trails funded. These Bond Programs also leveraged an additional \$29.5million through various grant and partnership programs. Numerous awards have been received in 2009 for the Trail Network Master Plan. These awards include the Texas Recreation and Park Society Excellence in Planning Award, American Planning Association – Texas Chapter Long Range Planning Award and the American Society of Landscape Architects – Texas Chapter Honor Award in Planning and Analysis Category.

Motion made by: \_\_\_\_\_

Item passed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Item passed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Urban Rodeos Update

**Presenter(s):** Troy Thorn & Lori Chance

**Information Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The purpose of the briefing was to review the current status of Urban Rodeos and seek approval of a residential distance criteria for Urban Rodeo Guidelines.

Out of four Rodeos only one, the Rio Rodeo, remains active. The remaining three have either been postponed due to the heat or denied because of location close to residential areas.

In March of 2009 recommendations were made at the Quality of Life Committee meeting. These recommendations included: limiting a rodeo to no more than 30 days per address per calendar year and no more than 10 consecutive days, implementing a tear-down policy for special events in order to differentiate between a temporary event venue and a permanent event venue, rodeos will be required to be dismantled and cleaned within 48 hours of the closing of the event, and provide general authority to the Convention and Event Services Director or designee to produce event specific guidelines to support the ordinance. Additional recommendations included: requiring the event promoter to identify that they have an experienced or professional rodeo operations manager, hire a State of Texas licensed Veterinarian, ensure no children or spectators are climbing, standing or hanging on the fence, and the City of Dallas Animal Control is informed and copied on the permit.

The Convention and Event Services office discussed the need to develop a distance criteria of a rodeo arena to a residential area and proposing a minimum of 1500 feet as a part of the Special Event Urban Rodeo Guidelines. The only active Urban Rodeo, Rio Rodeo, operates under the current permit guidelines and has reviewed the additional criteria.

Councilmember Salazar made the motion to move forward with the guidelines and follow staffs recommendations to work with various departments. Councilmember Davis opposed.

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Motion made by: Steve Salazar

Item passed unanimously:       

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by: Sheffie Kadane

Item passed on a divided vote:   X  

Item failed on a divided vote:       

#### 4. Code Accountability Report Card Update

**Presenter(s):** James Childers

**Information Only:**   X  

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):**

The purpose of the briefing was to provide detailed insight on how Code Compliance has utilized the report card to its benefit in the past eleven months, and how Council members can make use of the information provided in the card.

The report card takes a three-pronged approach in measuring Code performance: 1. Service Delivery (30% of total score), 2. Community Conduct (40% of total score), 3. Service Requests created by inspectors (30% of total score). The “District Highlights” section provides space for additional comments and information on other activities that took place in the Code district.

The “Service Delivery” section of the report card is a trend analysis of the top ten service requests for that month. The “Service Requests created by Inspectors” section addresses code concerns before they become citizen complaints. This is one of the major goals of the department. The “Community Code Conduct” section is a critical component in examining the level of service provided to the residents of Dallas. The report card also encourages staff to take on other projects to improve communities such as clean up events, educational outreach and assisting other departments.

The Code Accountability Report Card was designed to provide council a simple overview of Code Compliance’s performance. Each council member has their own Code related priorities and areas of concern. The Report Card can be used to determine if those priorities are being met. Since some council districts span as several Community Code Districts, the report is also a valuable tool to see if collaborative efforts with adjacent council districts are necessary to address Code issues.

Motion made by:

Item passed unanimously:       

Item failed unanimously:       

Motion seconded by:

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed on a divided vote:       



Pauline Medrano

Chair